HYMNS

Compos'd for the

CELEBRATION

OF THE

Holy Ordinance

OF

BAPTISM.

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Luke 15. 10. ——*I say unto you, there is Joy in the Presence of the Angels of God, over one Sinner that repenteth.*

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HYMN I.

OUR LORD, when cloth'd with mortal Fleſh,
Tho free from every ſinful Stain, 1 *Tim.* 3. 16
Wou'd be Baptiz'd, that Men to *Heb.* 7. 26.
trace
His ſacred Steps might not diſdain. *Mat.* 3. 15.

Nay more—He was all plung'd in Tears, *Heb.* 5. 7.
And bath'd in bloody Sufferings too:
What Fountain was requir'd to waſh *Heb.* 9. 22.
Our guilty Souls, his Wounds will ſhew!

Thy Blood, dear LORD, can cleanſe from 1 *Joh.* 1. 7.
This in our Baptiſm we confeſs; (Sin,
'Tis for its cleanſing Virtue we *Pſal.* 51. 2.
Our Prayers and Vows to thee addreſs.

Bury'd with great Solemnity *Rom.* 6. 3,
In thy Baptiſmal Sepulchre, 4, 5.
We are reviv'd, and rais'd again,
White Robes of Righteouſneſs to wear. *Rev.* 19. 8.

And, as thy Sacred Word declares,
At the Great Reſurrection-Day
*Phil.*3.21. Our Bodies ſhall be rais'd and chang'd,
Rev. 7. 9. And be adorn'd with bright Array.

HYMN II.

THE ſacred Body of our LORD,
*Mat.*20.19 Which on the Croſs had bled,
*Mat.*12.40 Three Days lay bury'd in the Grave,
And then roſe from the Dead.

*Luk.*24.31 His Preſence the deſponding Hearts
Of his Diſciples chears:
John 20. His Voice they hear, his Scars ſurvey,
20—28. Which baniſh Doubts and Fears.

*Luk.*24.32 Explaining Oracles divine,
Their Ears and Souls he charms;
His Order to convert the World,
Their drooping Courage warms.

For thus the Mediator ſpoke,
*Mat.*28.18 " All Power in Earth and Heav'n
" To Me, triumphant o'er the Grave,
" Is by my Father giv'n.

Ver. 19. " Go therefore teach the Nations all
Mark 15. " What you have learn'd of Me;
15, 16. " Baptize 'em in the awful Name
" Of the Eternal *Three.*

" Teach

" Teach 'em whatever I command; *Ver.* 20.
" My Preſence I aſſure,
" To crown your Labours with Succeſs,
" While Heaven and Earth endure.

LORD! we thy wondrous Grace adore,
Thy awful Word revere;
Thy Death and thy Revival both *Col.* 2. 12.
Our Baptiſm makes appear. *Rom.*6. 3,4

The Promiſe of thy Preſence now *Mat.*18.20
Does glad Expectance raiſe; *Joh.*14.18.
Hope of thy ſecond Coming fills *Heb.* 9. 28.
Our Souls with Joy and Praiſe: *Luk.*21.28

'Tis then the Dead thy Voice ſhall hear, *Joh.* 5. 25.
The Dead thy Voice obey;
Thy Saints, who ſleep in duſt, awake *Dan.* 12.
To Joy's Eternal Day. 2, 3.
1 *Theſſ.* 4.
14, 15, 16.

HYMN III.

COME lowly Souls that mourn, *Mat.*11.28
Depreſs'd with Guilt and Shame; *Ch.* 5. 4.
Waſh'd in your Saviour's ſacred Blood, *Rev.* 1. 5.
Now call upon his Name. *Act.*22.16.

Rejoice you contrite Hearts, *Iſa.* 57. 15.
That tremble at his Word, *Ch.* 66. 2.
In the Baptiſmal Laver plung'd, *Tit.* 3. 5.
As was your Humble LORD. *Mat.*3. 13,
14.

Bath'd in Repenting Tears,
The Sins which you deplore
1 Cor. 15. Dead in your Saviour's Grave ſhall lie,
55, 56, 57. And ſhall be ſeen no more.
Gal. 5. 24.

Rev. 19. 8. Come pious Candidates
Ch. 3. 4. Of Grace and Glory too,
Pſ. 66. 16. Praiſe your Redeemer's Love, and tell
What he has done for you.

Eph. 5. Unſpotted Robes you wear,
26, 27. Your Sighs to Songs are turn'd;
Iſa. 61, 2, 3. Garments of Praiſe adorn you now,
Who late in Aſhes mourn'd.

Col. 3. 1, 2. Your LORD and you are riſen,
Joh. 17. Aſpire to things above:
22, 23, 24. Where he reſides, there you ſhall dwell
Rev. 22. 5. In Realms of Light and Love.

HYMN IV.

Gen. 6. 5, 6, 7. WHEN th' antient World God's Patience try'd,
1 Pet. 3. And long his threatning Vengeance dar'd,
19, 20. The Righteous *Noah* Favour found,
Gen. 6. 8, 9. His Family alone was ſpar'd.

Ch. 7. 11—24. In ſecret Chambers of the Ark
They all ſecure from Danger lie,
When th' Ocean's Banks were broke, and Floods
Burſt through the Windows of the Sky.

Proud

Proud Waters o'er the Mountains roll, *Ver.* 19.
And common Ruin widely ſpread;
Yet the bleſs'd Patriarch's Houſe ſurvives, *Ver.* 23.
When all Mankind beſide were dead.

At the Almighty's awful Word *Ch.* 8.
Th' obſequious Floods retire again;
And *Noah* from his myſtick Tomb
Peoples the ruin'd Earth with Men. *Ch.* 9. 1.

So to reſtore a World o'erwhelm'd 1 *Pet.* 3. 21.
With Guilt and Miſery, dead in Sins, *Eph.* 2. 1, 2.
Our SAVIOUR riſing from the Grave, *Rom.* 5. 24.
Another Race of Men begins; *Col.* 3. 10.

New Creatures of a Heavenly Form, 2 *Cor.* 5. 17.
Whoſe Souls his Sacred Image bear; *Ch.* 3. 18.
While dead to Sin, they live to God, *Rom.* 6. 11,
And ſpotleſs in white Robes appear. 12.
Rev. 3. 5.

Bury'd in their Redeemer's Grave, *Rom.* 6. 3.
With Him they live, with Him they riſe; 1 *Joh.* 5. 12
While the loſt Race of Human Kind *Ver.* 19.
Delug'd with Sin and Ruin lies. *Mat.* 24.
28, 29.

O Happy Souls whom Grace revives! *Philip.* 3.
Their Bodies too their LORD will raiſe, 20, 21.
Refin'd and fit for Holy Souls,
To ſee his Face, and ſing his Praiſe. 1 *Joh.* 3. 2.
Rev. 5. 9,
10.

Hymn V.

*Mat.*3.13. THUS was the Great Redeemer plung'd
In *Jordan*'s ſwelling Flood;
Heb. 5.7. To ſhew he'd one day be baptiz'd
*Luk.*22.44 In Tears, in Sweat, and Blood.

Thus was his Sacred Body laid
Col. 2.12. Beneath the yielding Wave;
Thus was his Sacred Body rais'd
Out of the liquid Grave.

When lo! from Realms of Light and Bliſs
*Mat.*3.16. The Heavenly Dove comes down,
Lights on his venerable Head,
Which Rays of Glory crown.

While his Eternal Father's Voice
Ver. 17. An awful Joy excites;
" This is my well-beloved Son,
" In whom my Soul delights.

Rom. 6. 3, The myſtick Rite his Death deſcrib'd,
4, *&c.* His Burial did foreſhew
The quickening of his Sacred Fleſh,
His Reſurrection too.

*Mat.*28.19 LORD, thy own Precept we obey,
*Mat.*3.15. In thy own Footſteps tread,
*Col.*3.1,2. We die, are bury'd, riſe with Thee
From Regions of the Dead.

O

O may the Spirit of Truth and Love — *Joh.* 14. 17.
His Power on us diſplay,
Approve our Vows, and ſeal our Souls — *Eph.* 4. 30.
To the Redemption-Day!

HYMN VI.

O Bleſs'd Redemer! in thy Side — *Joh.* 19. 34, 35.
Upon the Croſs was made a Wound,
The Bath where we are purg'd from Sin, — 1 *Joh.* 1. 7.
And where our Guilt's intirely drown'd. — *Mic.* 7. 19.

Water and Blood hence freely ran, — 1 *Joh.* 5. 6.
And on the trembling Earth were ſpilt; — *Mat.* 27. 51
Water to ſanctify and cleanſe, — *Tit.* 3. 5.
Blood to atone for Crimſon Guilt. — *Heb.* 9. 22.

This wondrous Grace to repreſent — *Act.* 22. 16.
Baptiſmal Waters were deſign'd,
In which thou, LORD, was't bury'd too, — *Mark* 1. 9.
To thy great Father's Will reſign'd. — *Mat.* 3. 15, 16.

Thus Penitents who die to Sin,
With Thee are bury'd in thy Grave; — *Col.* 2. 12.
Thus quicken'd to a Life Divine, — *Rom.* 6. 4, 5, &c.
Their Souls a Reſurrection have.

And tho their Bodies turn to Duſt,
This Holy Symbol does aſſure,
The Reſurrection of the Juſt — *Luk.* 14. 14
Shall render them all bright and pure. — 1 *Cor.* 15. 42, 43, 44.

Made

*Phil.*3.21. Made like his Body ours ſhall be,
Col. 3. 4. When Chriſt, who is our Life, appears;
*Luk.*12.50 Who to procure us Life, was once
*Mar.*10.38 Baptiz'd in his own Blood and Tears.

Hymn VII.

Exod. 14. WHEN from *Egyptian* Slavery
The *Hebrews* were redeem'd,
The parted Seas and covering Cloud
A Grave to *Iſrael* ſeem'd:

But ſoon the joyful Tribes emerge,
And ſtand upon the ſhore,
Exod. 15. With grateful Hearts and tuneful Tongues
Their Saviour's Name adore.

Exod. 14. He made th' obſequious Waves retire,
16. His Favourite Tribes to ſave;
*Ver.*26,27, Made them a way to Liberty,
28, &c. Where *Egypt* found a Grave.

1 *Cor.* 10. Thus *Jacob*'s Sons baptiz'd of old
1, 2. To *Moſes* in the Sea,
*Exo.*20. 2. Sav'd by God's Arm, themſelves devote
Ch. 19. His Statutes to obey.
4——9.
Rom. 6. So from the Bondage of our Sins,
11—18. Redeem'd by Sovereign Grace,
*Mat.*3.13, We thro his watry Sepulchre
14. Our Saviour's Footſteps trace.

Our Sins, the worſt of Enemies,
Are bury'd there and drown'd ; *Col.* 3. 5.
To a new Life our Souls are rais'd, *Gal.* 2.20.
With tender Mercy crown'd. *Col.* 2. 13.

To thee, O Jeſus, may we live, *Rom.* 14.
Devoted to thy Fear ; 7, 8, 9.
Thee will we love, Thee will we praiſe, 1 *Joh.* 5. 1,
And all thy Laws revere. 2, 3.

HYMN VIII.

THE Great Redeemer we adore,
Who came the Loſt to ſeek and ſave ; *Luk.* 19.10
Went humbly down from *Jordan*'s Shore, *Mat.* 3. 13.
To find a Tomb beneath a Wave.

" Thus it becomes us to fulfil *Ver.* 15.
" All Righteouſneſs, he meekly ſaid:
Why ſhou'd we then to do his Will
Or be aſham'd, or be afraid ?

With Thee into thy watry Tomb,
LORD, 'tis our Glory to deſcend ;
'Tis wondrous Grace that gives us room *Rom.* 6. 3,
To lie inter'd by ſuch a Friend ! 4, &c.

But a much more tempeſtuous Flood
O'erwhelm'd thy Body and thy Soul ; *Heb.* 5. 7.
That's plung'd in Tears, and Sweat, and *Luk.* 22.44
Blood, *Mat.* 26.38
And over *this* black Terrors roll. *Ch.* 27.46,
Yet 47.

Yet as the yielding Waves give way,
To let us ſee the Light again:
So on thy Reſurrection-Day
Acts 2. 24. The Bands of Death prov'd weak and vain.

1 *Cor.* 15. 52, 53. Thus when Thou ſhalt again appear,
Job. 5. 25. The Gates of Death ſhall open wide;
Our Duſt thy powerful Voice ſhall hear,
Shall riſe and triumph at thy ſide.

Theſe now vile Bodies then ſhall wear
Mat. 17. 2. A glorious Form reſembling Thine;
Rev. 20. 14 *Ch.* 22. 3, 4. To be diſſolv'd no more ſhall fear,
But with immortal Beauty ſhine.

HYMN IX.

Joh. 5. 2, 3, 4. WHEN fam'd *Bethesda*'s Waters flow'd,
By a deſcending Angel mov'd;
The wondrous Pool a ſovereign Bath
For every Pain and Sickneſs prov'd.

Hither diſtemper'd Crouds repair,
Hither the Feeble, Lame, and Blind;
The firſt who ſteps into the Spring,
Leaves his Diſeaſe and Pains behind.

That languiſhing and dying Souls
A nobler Cure might freely meet,
Mat. 3. 13, 14. The Son of God came down and ſtir'd
Baptiſmal Waters with his feet.

LORD,

LORD, 'tis but juſt we follow Thee, *1 Pet. 2. 21.*
Who didſt not ſcorn to lead the way,
Where we juſt ſee the Vale of Death, *Rom. 6. 3,*
Then view the Reſurrection-Day. *4, &c.*

Happy! who haſte into the Flood *John 5. 7.*
Where healing Virtues ever flow,
Where filthy Lepers clean are made, *Iſa. 53. 4.*
The Blind to ſee, the Lame to go; *Mat. 8. 16, 17.*
Where contrite Spirits heal their Wounds, *Iſa. 61. 1.*
And broken Hearts aſſuage their Pain; *Ch. 57. 15.*
The Dead themſelves new Life inſpires, *Joh. 5. 25.*
They breathe, they move, and riſe again. *Col. 3. 1.*

With lowly Minds, and lofty Songs,
Let all admire the SAVIOUR's Grace,
Till the great Riſing-Day reveal *1 Joh. 3. 2.*
Th' immortal Glory of his Face. *Rev. 1. 16.*

Hymn X.

IN ſuch a Grave as this *Mat. 3. 13.*
The meek Redeemer lay,
When He, our Souls to ſeek and ſave, *Luk. 19. 10*
Learn'd humbly to obey.

See how the ſpotleſs Lamb *1 Pet. 1. 19.*
Deſcends into the Stream!
And teaches Sinners not to ſcorn
What Him ſo well became. *Mat. 3. 15.*

His

Rom. 6. 3, 4, 5. His Body ſanctifies
The ſalutary Flood,
Act. 22. 16. And teaches us to plunge our Souls
Rev. 7. 14. I'th' Fountain of his Blood.

Oh! Sinners, waſh away
Iſa. 1. 18. Your Sins of Crimſon Dye;
Col. 2. 12. Bury'd with him, your Sins ſhall all
In dark Oblivion lie.

Col. 3. 1, 2. Riſe, and aſcend with Him,
A Heavenly Life to lead,
Heb. 2. 14, 15. Who came to reſcue guilty Men
From Regions of the Dead.

Iſa. 38. 5. LORD, ſee the Sinner's Tears,
Hear his Repenting Cry;
Iſa. 57. 15. Speak, and his Contrite Soul ſhall live;
Gal. 5. 24. Speak, and his Sins ſhall die:

Speak with that mighty Voice,
Joh. 5. 25. Which one day wide ſhall ſpread
Rev. 20. 13. Its Summons thro the Earth and Sea,
To wake and raiſe the Dead.

HYMN XI.

Col. 2. 12. SEE in what Grave our Saviour lay,
Before he ſhed his precious Blood;
Mat. 3. 13, 14. How he mark'd out the humble way
To Sinners thro the myſtick Flood.

The

The Sun of Righteouſneſs his Beams, *Mal.* 4. 2.
Tho ſo divinely fair and bright,
Immers'd in *Jordan*'s ſwelling Streams,
Submitting to this Holy Rite.

O *Jordan!* honour'd oft before!
What greater Glory would'ſt thou have,
Than CHRIST deſcending from thy [Shore,
To find in thee a liquid Grave?

Thy Streams retir'd on either ſide, *Joſh.* 3.
To th' Holy Ark once form'd a Way;
A Prophet's Mantle could divide 2*King.*2.8.
Thy willing Streams, taught to obey.

Plung'd by the Holy Baptiſt's Hand,
Buried in thee our SAVIOUR lies:
Did not thy Waters wondring ſtand, *Pſal.* 114.
To ſee Him die, and ſee Him riſe? 5.

Bleſt Sepulchre! where JESUS lay,
Which JESUS for us ſanctifies!
Bleſt Flood! to waſh our Sins away, *Act.*22.16.
And ſink 'em ſo as ne'er to riſe. *Ch.* 2. 38.

HYMN XII.

WHene'er one Sinner turns to God,
With contrite Heart and flowing [Eyes,
The happy News makes Angels ſmile, *Luke* 1.57.
And tell their Joys above the Skies. *V.* 10.

Well

Well may the Church below rejoice,
And eccho back the Heavenly Sound:
Luke 15. 32. " This Soul was dead, but now's alive;
" This Sheep was loſt, but now is found.

Mat. 15. 3. See how the willing Converts trace
The Path their great Redeemer trod;
And follow through his liquid Grave,
Mat. 11. 29. The meek, the lowly Son of God.
Tit. 3. 5. Here in the Holy Laver plung'd,
Their Souls are cleans'd from every Stain;
Gal. 2. 19. They die, deſcend into the Tomb,
Col. 3. 1, 2. By Grace they live, and riſe again.

Act 19. 18. Here they renounce their former Deeds,
Rom. 6. 3. And to a Heavenly Life aſpire:
Zech. 3. 3. Their Rags for glorious Robes exchang'd,
Rev. 3. 5. They ſhine in clean and white Attire.
Ch. 19. 8.

O Sacred Rite! by this the Name
Act. 19. 5. Of JESUS we to own begin;
1 *Pet.* 3. 21 This is our Reſurrection's Pledg,
Act. 2. 38. And ſeals the Pardon of our Sin.

Luk. 2. 14. Glory to God on high be giv'n,
Who ſhews this Grace to ſinful Men:
Rev. 7. 9—12. Let Saints on Earth, and Hoſts of Heav'n
In Conſort joyn their loud *AMEN.*

FINIS.